MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) 18th September 1939.

(*b*) Co-ordinating the work arising out of the administration of the Labour laws. He is also the Commissioner under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(*c*) One.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know whether the Labour Commissioner is a full time officer ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : No ; not as Labour Commissioner.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know the name of the Labour Commissioner ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS ; Mr. C. Kumara Das.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : In how many industrial disputes has he interfered after his appointment as Labour Commissioner ?

PRESIDENT : He has intervened and not interfered.

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : The answer is given in the printed list.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR : May I know what recommendations he has made for the improvement of labour conditions ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Recommendations are confidential.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know from the Government whether any other representation was made to him for his intervention ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : Not since the appointment, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN : How many labour disputes have arisen since the appointment of the Labour Commissioner ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : One.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Meenachil* cum *Thodupuzha*) : Has the present Labour Commissioner any previous experience of administration of labour laws ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : No, Sir.

Industrial dispute in the coir factories.

169 ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the Government constituted a Board of Conciliation to inquire into the industrial dispute in the coir factories of the State ; and

(*b*) whether the Board submitted its report ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS : (*a*) The Board of Conciliation was constituted in November 1938.

(*b*) Yes.

Ryots road from 3rd mile, Varkala-Paripalli road.

170 ***MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not commencing the work of improvements to the ryots road from 3rd mile, Varkala-Paripalli road to join Paripalli-Bhuthakulam trace ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : Lands have not been acquired. The first half mile of the road is of very steep gradient and this portion has to be retraced along flatter grades. The matter is receiving

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MR. WARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the work will be completed in 1115.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Yes, if lands are acquired.

Arrest of Messrs. John Philipose, A. Gangadhara Menon, etc., in Pettah Maidanam.

171 *MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that in the month of Thulam 1115 Messrs. E. John Philipose, Ex-M. L. A., A. Gangadhara Menon, M. N. Parameswaran Pillai, B. A., B. L., and T. K. Narayana Pillai were arrested for addressing a State-Congress Meeting in Pettah Maidanam, near the Pettah Railway station;

(*b*) the reason for the arrest?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) They have been detained under the Defence of Travancore Rules.

Co-operative Societies.

172 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of co-operative societies keeping property registers recording the assets of the members; and

(*b*) the number of co-operative societies having 'loan utilisation enquiry committees' to enquire how the loans are utilised?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) 521.

(*b*) Nil.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not conducive to the growth of the societies?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Certainly, it is.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the maintenance of such registers is not enforced?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: If the bye-laws of the society provide for the maintenance of such registers they have to be maintained and if they are not maintained, the matter will be enquired into.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Cannot the societies be asked to include it in their bye-laws?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: They can be asked

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether there is any provision in the present Co-operative Societies Regulation regarding societies having loan utilisation enquiry committees?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I claim notice.

Export duty on molasses.

173 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the export duty on molasses has been reduced recently;

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